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FIRST BOOK OF PRACTICE. By Lemuel H. Foster. Detroit, Mich. : Collector Publishing Co. 1897. pp. 488.

The subject of this work, as set forth in the table of contents, embraces the conduct of nearly every sort of proceeding at law or in equity, and at first glance the field seems rather large for careful treatment in so small a space. But on reading the book it appears that the author has wisely limited his discussion to a special part of this matter. He avoids comment on substantive law, and does not go into the technical requirement of statute, or the minor peculiarities of State practice. Where these points arise the fact is noted and the reader is referred to the proper authority. The book is designed primarily for the young lawyer, and its object is to "answer the numberless questions along practical lines that are not contained in law books generally." When a matter is easily accessible elsewhere, as a rule, it is passed over lightly. The result of this treatment is a very serviceable work in moderate space. The keynote is practical utility, and the book is full of suggestions, cautions, and advice; such matters as are the result of experience and are generally to be secured only by applying to some older lawyer. The author deals carefully with the various steps in beginning and carrying on the common-law actions; outlines the procedure in attachment, garnishment, drawing of wills, etc., and gives samples of forms in common use. He also gives careful directions on the preparation and trial of causes, and has full chapters on the codes and equity. Throughout these subjects the book contains all the necessary practical steps, and with its aid, as the author says, the young lawyer should be "reasonably secure against fatal blunders" in his first essays. The tone of the book is confident and sure, the style is clear, and it will doubtless prove a valuable aid to those beginning the practice of law.

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